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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED MARCH 9 BY
UDALL FOR PRESIDENT OFFICE.

QUOTE

REP. MORRIS K. UDALL, A CONTENDER FOR THE DEMOCRATIC
PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, TODAY ACCUSED THE SOUTH
KOREAN GOVERNMENT OF "SAVAGE POLITICAL REPRESSION."

UDALL SUGGESTED THAT THE CONGRESS "JAWBONE" SOUTH KOREA
BY REEXAMINING THE AMOUNT OF U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILI-
TARY ASSISTANCE TO THE REGIME OF PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG
HEE IN WAKE OF THE ARREST OF A NUMBER OF PARK'S POLITI-
CAL OPPONENTS.

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'THE SAVAGE POLITICAL OPPRESSION OF THE OPPONENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PARK CHUNG HEE IN SOUTH KOREA RE-NEWS THE DOUBTS I HAVE LONG HELD OVER THE WISDOM OF CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO THAT REGIME.

'THERE COMES A TIME WHEN VIOLATIONS OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS BEGIN TO OUTWEIGH ALL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

'THE PEOPLE OF S. KOREA HAVE NO CIVIL LIBERTIES OR POLITICAL VOICE. THE U.S. HAS ALL THE LEVERAGE AT HAND TO JAWBONE THE S. KOREAN GOVERNMENT INTO A MORE DEMOCRATIC ATTITUDE TO ITS OWN PEOPLE.

'THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE CONGRESS TO BEGIN THAT JAWBONING PROCEDURE WITH A HARDER LOOK AT FURTHER AID TO THE PARK REGIME.'

UDALL VISITED SOUTH KOREA IN 1974 WITH REPS. JOHN ANDERSON AND LLOYD MEEDS. THE THREE CALLED FOR CONSIDERATION OF REDUCED AID TO THE PARK REGIME FOLLOWING THE VISIT. END QUOTE INGERSOLL

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